**Negligence of historical sites by ASI in Kolar district**

2368. DR. VIJAYMALLYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Palya Fort-a 560-year old historic fort belonging to the Palegar era in Gummanayakanhalli, Begepalli in Kolar, is in ruins, without any care taken by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);

(b) whether Government have any proposal to preserve the fort as a heritage site; and

(c) if so, by when the final directions is likely to be issued to ASI?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATIAMBIKA SONI): (a) The Palya Fort in Gummanayakanahalli, Begepalli in District Kolar, Karnataka is not a Centrally protected monument nor is it protected by the State Archaeology Department.

(b) and (c) Considering the resource constraints, there are no proposals to take up the Palya Fort as a Centrally protect monument at present.

**Acquisition of Mysore Palace**

2369. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1793 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th December, 2004 and state:

(a) whether the matter has been finally disposed of by the Supreme Court; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The next hearing of the case (Civil Appeal No. 3303 of 1997) filed by Sri Srikanta D. N. Wadiyar v/s State of Karnataka & Ors. regarding land acquisition and requisition matters-matters challenging the acquisition procedings pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has been fixed for 7th April, 2006.

**Monuments and sites under ASI**

2370. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of requests received from the State Governments for conservation of additional monuments and preservation of sites and

structures of archaeological and heritage values, State-wise, during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 upto 28th February, 2006 and the number of monuments and sites taken over by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI); and

(b) the number of cases with the detailed reasons for turning down the requests of the State Governments in the matter during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Archaeological Survery of India has received a number of requests from the State Governments for taking up conservation/preservation of monuments. Such requests are accepted as deposit works. Details are given in the Statement (See below).

(b) The proposal of transplantation and preservation of a group of submerged historical temples at Bilaspur, district Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh was not accepted, however, Archaeological Survey of India has offered to provide technical guidance to the Government of Himachal Pradesh as an when required.

***Statement***

*The requests received from State Governments for conservation of monuments & preservation of sites, State-wise during 2004-05 and 2005-06*

(1) Haryana

| SI.N | Name of Monuments |
|---|---|
| 1. | Chatta Rai Bal Mukund Das, Narnaul |
| 2. | Pir Tukman's Tomb and Mosque, Namaul |
| 3. | Chor Gumbad, Narnaul |
| 4. | Mirja Alijan's Takht and Baoli, Narnaul |
| 5. | Vishwa Mitra Ka Tilla, Pehowa |
| 6. | European Cemetery, Ambala Cantt. |
| 7. | Buddhist Stupa, Chaneti, Yamuna Nagar |
| 8. | Shish Mahal, Farukh Nagar, Gurgaon |
| 9. | Dargah Char Kutub, Hansi |
| 10. | Dehra Mandir, Firojpur Zhirkha |
| 11. | Shaikh Tayyab's Tomb, Kaithal |
| 12. | Old Site Bhirdana, Fatehabad |
| 13. | Jahaj Kothi, Hissar |

| SI. | Name of the Monument |
|---|---|
| **(2)** | **Jharkhand** |
| 1. | Group of Temples, Haradih |
| 2. | Dumbari Hil Murhu, Ranchi |
| 3. | Group of Temples Tanginath, Dumri, Gumla |
| 4. | Maluti Temples Group, Dumka |
| 5. | Palamu Quila (Old & New) Barwadih, Latehar |
| 6. | Shahpur Quila, Chainpur, Medni Nagar |
| **(3)** | **Bihar** |
| | **Mahabodhi Temple, Bodhgaya** |
| **(4)** | **West Bengal** |
| | Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata (**5)** |
| **Mahrashtra** | |
| | Shivneri fort, Junnar, Distt. Pune |
| **(6)** | **Tamil Nadu** |
| | Connemara Public Library Building, Chennai |
| **(7)** | **Punjab** |
| | Preservation of paintings of Masand hall of Quila Mubarak, Patiala Punjab |

**Construction of more hotels for tourists**

2371. SHRIC. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed that one lakh hotel rooms will be required in the next few years to cater to tourists; and

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to cope-up with such a huge demand?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) As per the estimates available, the shortage of hotel rooms in the country is approximately 30,000 rooms presently.

(b) The Department of Tourism has written to all the State Governments and Land Owing Agencies like Railways, Ministry of Civil Aviation etc. to identify land banks for hotels and offer these hotel sites on joint revenue sharing basis etc. and to increase FAR/FSI of existing hotels.